



TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE

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1. CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 VIRUS IN THE TOWNSHIP:

As of **February 10, 2022** the Burlington County Department of Health has reported **Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Six (2,176) confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus in Florence Township**. Unfortunately, **twenty-six (26)** residents have passed away.

Expanded COVID-19 Testing to include PCR & Rapid Testing: Burlington County COVID-19 walk-up and appointment in various locations: Visit the Burlington County Health Department web-site for locations, dates and times: co.burlington.nj.us/1927/COVID-19-Testing
For Federal Sites visit www.covidtests.gov or state's saliva test: learn.vaulthealth.com

New Covid-19 Vaccination Sites: For Burlington County COVID New Vaccination Sites visit the Burlington County Health Department web-site: www.co.burlington.nj.us/290/Health-Department

Mask Recommendations: KN95 or N95 or double layered well-fitting surgical and cloth. Websites for looking up approved Kn95 and N95 masks are CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html> and www.ProjectN95.org .

2. Burlington County & Florence Township Alerts: Sign up to receive emergency alerts and severe weather warnings that could directly impact you and your family:

Burlington County & Florence Township is able to send you emergency alerts via text message, email, pager, or voice mail (in extreme cases), based on your preferences. It is important that we collect this contact information because many households no longer utilize traditional land-based telephone lines.

The system is intended to be used for emergency alerts, as well as non-emergency incidents that may have significant impacts to residents. Emergency Alerts could be related to specific hazards that require some kind of action be taken such as evacuation, shelter in place, boil water orders, etc. Non-emergency alerts could include significant transportation problems with prolonged impacts or significant ongoing police or fire activity. This list is not meant to be all inclusive, and demonstrates that this system will not be used for routine information. In addition to receiving information on your wireless device, you may also receive notification on your land telephone line (if you have one) depending on the type of incident or event.

Please provide your address and preferred method(s) of contact. Adding your address will allow tailoring so you do not receive alerts that don't pertain to your geographical area.

These alerts are provided free of charge, however standard text messaging rates and other charges may apply.

To sign go to: <https://burlington-county-nj.myfreealerts.com>

3. **Municipal Offices:** For the safety of our employees and the public, the municipal building is closed to the public. If there is a need for services, please contact the respective office by telephone. We encourage the public to continue to use the drop box located inside the front entrance to the Municipal Building for all payments, license renewals, construction permits, etc. Masks must be worn while inside the Municipal Building. Normal office hours are 9am – 4:30pm.
4. **Animal Licenses:** For your health and safety, we will be accepting the animal license renewals via our drop box located in the lobby of the municipal building or through the mail. Checks or money orders are the required form of payment. Once we receive your completed form & payment, we will mail you the license and the tag.
5. **Recycling:** **The recycling center winter hours are:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11am to 5pm
Saturday from 9am to 3pm
6. **Township Council Meetings:** **The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, February 16, 2022 starting at 7:00pm. Residents may attend the meeting virtually.** Instructions for virtual attendance can be found on the Township's Home Page website www.florence-nj.gov or by calling the Clerk's Office at 609-499-2525 Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
7. **Zoning & Planning Board Meetings:** **For the safety of our board members, professionals and the public, residents are encouraged to attend the meeting virtually. Instructions for virtual attendance can be found on the Township's Home Page website www.florence-nj.gov The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:30pm. The next Zoning Board meeting is Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:30pm.**
8. **Tax Bills & Water/Sewer Bills:** Payments can be made online www.florence-nj.gov or use the Drop Box located next to the trophy case in our front lobby. The Drop Box will be checked multiple times daily for your convenience. **Payments must be check or money orders, NO CASH.** Please provide a phone number with your payment and we will call to confirm payment was received. Please allow 48 hours for your payment to be posted to our online account portal. Feel free to call the office with any questions, 609-499-2525. The office hours are 9am – 4:30pm. Any documents left in the drop box will be processed and mailed back to residents as needed. The Drop Box is available 24/7 for resident's convenience.
9. **Construction Office:** The office hours are 9am – 4:30pm. Residents and developers dropping off permits, plans, etc. should use the drop box located inside the front entrance to the Municipal Building. Any questions, please call the Construction Office at (609) 499-2130.
10. **Police Department:** The Police lobby window will be closed until further notice. Boat Ramp permits will not be required until April 1, 2022. You will not be able to obtain a permit until further notice. If you require police assistance, please use the yellow call box located by the Municipal Building Main Lobby doors. When using the call box, please state your business to the call taker. A police officer will subsequently be dispatched to handle your matter. Please see Police Department web-site on how to obtain Police Reports, Handicap Placards or call (609) 499-3131.

11. Municipal Court: Payments can be made on-line or dropped off in the drop-box located in the lobby of the Municipal Building. Please contact the Court Office at (609) 499-2222 if you have any questions. The office hours are 9am – 4:30pm Monday - Friday.

I apologize for the inconvenience that these temporary operational changes may cause to our residents. Florence Township will continue to do our best to deliver a high level of services to our residents as we meet the challenges of the unprecedented COVID-19.

Mayor Craig Wilkie